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INDIA: Anti-American feeling in reaction to US arms shipments to Pakistan is becoming more widespread and intense.

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[REDACTED] the mood of anti-Americanism, although augmented by Communists and pro-Communists within Prime Minister Gandhi's Ruling Congress Party, is generally felt among all parliamentarians, including members of normally conservative and pro-US parties.

Several demonstrations against the arms shipments have taken place at the US Embassy in New Delhi and at US consulates in Madras, Bombay, and Calcutta during the last several days. Groups from all political persuasions have participated. Most of the demonstrations have been relatively peaceful, but more violent confrontations are threatened and Indian security forces have been alerted to expect continuing trouble.

The belief that the US has "written India off" as a power to contend with in South Asia was frequently expressed at the highest levels of the Indian Government over the past week. Government and political leaders are probably becoming less and less inclined to listen to US advice, and there appears to be a growing conviction among them that eventually India will be forced to take unilateral military action against East Pakistan. Meanwhile, refugees are continuing to cross the border in large numbers and, according to the Indian press, a new outbreak of cholera in West Bengal claimed 200 lives last week.

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